- e) profiting from either or both of: at least a portion of media rights relating to the competition; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to an invention of the winner.
- 22. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising offering to pay at least a plurality of the plurality of contenders for at least a portion of costs associated with winning the competition.
- 23. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising offering a reward to a plurality of the plurality of contenders in exchange for both of: at least a portion of the media rights; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to inventions of the plurality of the plurality of contenders.
- **24**. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising offering a reward of approximately \$1 million to at least one of the contenders.
- 25. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising providing footage of at least one of the contenders creating an invention prototype.
- 26. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising providing footage of at least one of the contenders explaining his thought processes regarding his invention.
- 27. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising providing commentary regarding usefulness of an invention of at least one of the contenders.
- **28**. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising receiving evidence that each of a plurality of the plurality of contenders is capable of winning the competition.
- 29. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising performing at least two of steps f)-h):
 - f) ascertaining an invention record;
 - g) soliciting a plurality of inventor contenders capable of breaking the invention record to participate in the competition; and
 - h) recording a contender's expressed intention to break the invention record.
- **30**. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein at least a first inventor contender is solicited to participate in the competition: because the first inventor contender has substantially no chance of winning the competition; and to provide for comedy.
- 31. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein at least a second inventor contender is solicited to participate in the competition at least in part because of a character of the second inventor contender.
- 32. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the competition is nationally televised.
- 33. The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising causing the winner to become an inventor celebrity capable of endorsing products and services for profit.
- 34. The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein step e) comprises profiting from both of: at least a portion of media rights relating to the competition; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to an invention of the winner.

- **35**. The method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the at least a portion of royalty rights comprises at least a portion of patent rights.
 - 36. A method of executing a competition, comprising:
 - a) soliciting a plurality of inventor contenders to participate in a competition relating to inventions;
 - b) receiving evidence that each of a plurality of the plurality of contenders is capable of winning the competition;
 - c) hosting the competition among the plurality of contenders;
 - d) publishing the competition;
 - e) offering a reward to a winner of the competition;
 - f) profiting from both of: at least a portion of media rights relating to the competition; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to an invention of the winner; and
 - g) offering a reward to a plurality of the plurality of contenders in exchange for either or both of: at least a portion of the media rights; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to inventions of the plurality of the plurality of contenders.
- 37. The method as claimed in claim 36, wherein the method further comprises offering a reward of approximately \$1 million to at least one of the contenders.
- **38**. The method as claimed in claim 36, wherein the method further comprises providing footage of at least one of the contenders creating an invention prototype.
 - 39. A method of executing a competition, comprising:
 - a) soliciting a plurality of inventor contenders to participate in a competition relating to inventions;
 - b) hosting the competition among the plurality of contenders;
 - c) publishing the competition;
 - d) offering a reward to a winner of the competition;
 - e) profiting from both of: at least a portion of media rights relating to the competition; and at least a portion of royalty rights relating to an invention of the winner; and
 - f) offering to pay at least a plurality of the plurality of contenders for at least a portion of costs associated with winning the competition.
- **40**. The method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the method further comprises providing footage of at least one of the contenders creating an invention prototype.

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